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3	Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)	Butte Regional Transit - A Market-Based Approach to Planning Transit		BCAG will develop a market-based transit study for the Butte Regional Transit System (B-Line) fixed route system. The project entails the development of a transit route plan for the region that will result in increased ridership and customer satisfaction. One goal of developing a market-based approach to defining the transit system is to get people where they need to go, including employment. Stakeholders include Butte Regional Transit, Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, Glenn Ride and Yuba-Sutter Transit. A Project Development Team will be established to assist in the successful delivery of this project. The final product will be a market-based transit report that clearly delineates the existing and proposed route system that has been planned in consultation with the public (direct public outreach, community workshops, media outreach).	\$160,000
3	Sacramento Council of Governments/ Sacramento Regional Transit District	Transit Master Plan Implementation	Sacramento	The project will supplement the Regional Transit Master Plan by focusing on two or three high-potential service areas and undertaking the detailed planning to improve service based on results of the Transit Master Plan. The result of the planning will be a program of service changes that will be presented to the Regional Transit Board for implementation as early as February of 2010, with a goal of providing enhanced service and improved connections between Regional transit services, all within available resources. This planning is also in anticipation of accelerated implementation of the Downtown-Natomas-Airport light rail project. The planning effort will include participation by Transportation Management Agencies in the United States 50 Corridor and Natomas, as well as the City and County of Sacramento.	\$249,130

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4	Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Marin County Health and Human Services; Marin Transit	Senior Mobility and Action Implementation Plan	Marin	The project is a Senior Mobility Action and Implementation Plan for elderly adults over 60 years old throughout the County of Marin. The Division of Aging will be managing the project and will work with Marin Transit (the transit agency serving Marin County). A consultant will be hired to work closely on all aspects of the study. Deliverables include a steering committee made-up of stakeholders and advocates; an inventory of relevant projects and transportation resources; an analysis of major gaps in service and delivery; development of strategies; and, a final plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors and widely distributed throughout the County.	\$100,000
4	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	Transit-Accessible Locations: Social Service/Health Care and Transit Coordination	Contra Costa, Alameda	The project will assess the transit accessibility of social service and health facilities within the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area, and recommend ways to improve coordination between public transit operations and decisions about where these essential services are located. MTC will hire a consultant to produce illustrations of transit-accessible health care and social service facilities; documentation of existing federal, state and local policies that guide locational decisions and proposed new policies that incentivize decisions that place facilities at locations with transit access; identification of factors that influence locational decisions based on input from health care and social service decision makers, as well as local planning directors and their staff; and, initiation of a regional strategy, including a regional summit, to encourage social service and health care agencies to coordinate with transit operators when making locational decisions.	\$175,000

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4	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)	Regional Land Use/Transportation Model Upgrade, Phase I	San Francisco, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Marin, Sonoma, Santa Clara, San Mateo	The project will be Phase I of a long-term effort to upgrade and integrate ABAG and MTC's regional land-use and transportation models to better capture the impact land use changes (density, design, and mixed land uses), especially focused growth near transit, have on travel behavior; and conversely, how alternative transportation investments, such as transit, may affect land-use. Phase I will research to evaluate and confirm model selection; change the existing models to improve Projections 2009; and, make database improvements to the disaggregated models to help in the eventual full transition to an integrated model. The final product will be a report that delineates the status of the integrated model upgrade and next steps.	\$300,000
5	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)	Enhancement of Transit Modeling Capability of the AMBAG Regional Travel Demand Model	Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito	The project will develop much needed Transit Model Assignments functionality to the existing Monterey Area Regional Travel Demand Model and enhance the model's sensitivity to neighborhood density, diversity, design and destination accessibility (4Ds). All transit agencies within the project area will be engaged in data collection and transit network development tasks. The entire model enhancement process will undergo sensitivity and validation tests, with proper documentation and peer review, resulting into a technical document and hands-on training user guide. Once the model enhancement is completed, the consultant will hold a hands-on training for staff on the operation of the 4Ds post processor tools and make a presentation of the model update to the peer review committee.	\$190,000

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8	Rernardino	Victor Valley Long-Distance Commuter Needs Assessment Study	San Bernardino	The study will assess commuter service options between the Victor Valley communities into the San Bernardino Valley and Los Angeles basin. Study outcomes will provide direction for better coordinated transit and transportation services; provide better land use planning tools for considering inter-regional transportation needs; and, support livable community concepts for private and public entities. Study elements include resident demographics; documentation of known commuter patterns and future projections; interviews from larger employers in San Bernardino and adjacent County areas; a Victor Valley regional stakeholder outreach process; a regional household survey of Victor Valley; development of commuter alternatives; identification of potential funding sources; community forums to obtain stakeholder response to alternatives; and, feasibility recommendations and implementation steps as indicated.	\$72,000
	San Diego Association of Governments	Regional Transportation Model Enhancements: Microsimulation Approach to Trip Generation for Transit Equity Analysis	San Diego	The project will enhance the current San Diego Regional Transportation Model by developing a new modeling method for the generation of trips: a microsimulation approach to model individual daily travel patterns. This approach is more responsive to changes in household composition such as number of household members, workers, and children. In addition, the choice of mode, specifically transit, is sensitive to each individual's demographics such as age and ethnicity. Project components include (1) processing of transit on-board and household travel surveys, (2) population synthesizer model development, (3) daily travel pattern generation program, and, (4) household level transit accessibility programs. The model will be used for the Regional Transportation Plan, transit corridor studies, other planning/policy related studies, and transit/freeway/arterial project development. Regional partners such as Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Caltrans and local jurisdictions will have a large stake in this project.	\$300,000
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